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CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL COURT

Office of the Clerk of Court

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Justice Center • Level Two 1200 Ontario Street • Cleveland, Ohio 44113-1669

CIVIL DIVISION

THE STATE OF OHIO CUYAHOGA COUNTY) SS

SUMMONS IN CIVIL ACTION

2021 CVF 003034

PLAINTIFF
GEORGE MCCALL

-VS-

DEFENDANT

US DEPT HOMELAND SECURITY CLAIMS MANAGEMENT BRANCH

You have been named defendant (s) in a complaint filed in Cleveland Municipal Court, Level Two, Justice Center, 1200 Ontario, Cleveland, Ohio 44113 by Plaintiff (s):

GEORGE MCCALL

A copy of the complaint is attached hereto. The name and address of plaintiff's attorney is below

ANTHONY BAKER ESQ. 5320 HOAG DRIVE, SUITE B ELYRIA, OH 44035

You must file an ANSWER to this complaint within 28 days after this summons is served on you. A copy of your answer must be served upon the attorney for the person who is suing you, who is called the plaintiff, or upon the plaintiff himself, if he has no attorney of record.

Your original answer must be filed with the Court within three days after service of the answer on the plaintiff's attorney.

If you fail to defend yourself against this complaint, DEFAULT JUDGMENT can be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Your EARNINGS MAY THEN BE GARNISHED, or your property may be attached to satisfy the judgment.

EARLE B. TURNER, CLERK CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL COURT

P. CONSTANTINE, Deputy Clerk March 18, 2021

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GOVERNMENT EXHIBIT

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2021 CVF 003034 US DEPT HOMELAND SECURITY CLAIMS MANAGEMENT BRANCH 601 S 12TH STREET TSA 9 ARLINGTON, VA 20598

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IN THE CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL COURT

Civil Division
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GEORGE MCCALL

4519 BRIARWOOD DRIVE

LORAIN, OHIO 44053

CASE NO.

JUDGE:

Plaintiff

VS

FRONTIER AIRLINES, INC

5300 RIVERSIDE DRIVE CLEVELAND, OHIO 44135

COMPLAINT FOR

CONVERSION, INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL

DISTRESS AND THEFT (R.C. 2307.61)

AND

FRONTIER AIRLINES, INC

C/O CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY 50 WEST BROAD STREET – SUITE 1330 COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

AND

TSA – US DEPT. HOMELAND SECURITY 5300 RIVERSIDE DRIVE CLEVELAND, OHIO 44135

AND

U.S. DEPT. OF HOMELAND SECURITY CLAIMS MANAGEMENT BRANCH 601 S. 12TH STREET – TSA-9 ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 20598

Defendants

NOW COMES Plaintiff, by and through counsel, and for his Complaint against

Defendants, captioned above (hereafter "Defendants"), hereby states and avers as follows:

<u>Facts</u>

- 1. Plaintiff is a life-long resident of the State of Ohio and the County of Lorain.
- The offense that gave rise to this action occurred in the City of Cleveland and County of Cuyahoga.
- 3. The amount in controversy is less than \$15,000.00
- 4. Jurisdiction and venue are proper.
- Plaintiff traveled from Cleveland to Las Vegas on Frontier Airlines on or about October 2,
 2020.
- 6. Plaintiff makes several trips to Las Vegas each year and has done this for the past 20 years.
- 7. Plaintiff placed (packed) \$10,000.00 in his luggage before departing from Cleveland.
- 8. When Plaintiff arrived in Las Vegas, he discovered that the money was missing.
- Plaintiff also found a note / receipt from TSA that confirmed his luggage had been inspected by the Agency.
- 10. Plaintiff contacted Defendants while in Las Vegas and filed a police report when he returned to Cleveland.
- 11. Plaintiff made a formal claim / demand to Defendants on or about December 9, 2020 requesting the return of his money.

<u> Count One – Replevin</u>

- 12. Plaintiff re-avers and re-alleges each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs, as if fully rewritten herein.
- 13. Plaintiff is the owner of the luggage and the personal property, including the money (\$10,000.00) that was contained inside his luggage.

- 14. At all times relevant herein, Defendants were aware of the ownership rights of Plaintiff with regard to his luggage and the contents therein. Defendants were also aware of their limited authority to inspect Plaintiff's personal property.
- 15. Defendants intentionally withheld, converted, stole and / or removed Plaintiff's property without a lawful excuse and with full knowledge that the property (money) belonged to Plaintiff.
- 16. Plaintiff made the appropriate demand for the return of his property; Defendants wrongfully retained possession of said money and / or denied liability for Plaintiff's loss.
- 17. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiff is entitled to a money judgment for the personal property (money) not returned to him in an amount equal to the actual value of the property, to wit: \$10,000.00; consequential damages; punitive damages; interest and all costs and expenses of this action, including reasonable attorney fees.

<u>Count Two – Conversion</u>

- 18. Plaintiff re-avers and re-alleges each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs, as if fully rewritten herein.
- 19. Plaintiff was the owner of the luggage and the personal property, including the money (\$10,000.00) contained inside his luggage.
- 20. At all times relevant herein, Defendants were aware of the ownership rights of Plaintiff with regard to his luggage and the contents therein. Defendants were also aware of their limited authority to inspect Plaintiff's personal property.

- 21. Defendants intentionally withheld, stole and / or removed Plaintiff's property without a lawful excuse and with full knowledge that the property (money) belonged to Plaintiff.
- 22. Plaintiff made the appropriate demand for the return of his property; Defendants wrongfully retained possession of said money and / or denied liability for Plaintiff's loss.
- 23. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conversion, Plaintiff is entitled to a money judgment for the personal property (money) not returned to him in an amount equal to the actual value of the property, to wit: \$10,000.00; consequential damages; punitive damages; interest and all costs and expenses of this action, including reasonable attorney fees.

Count Three - Theft

- 24. Plaintiff re-avers and re-alleges each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs, as if fully rewritten herein.
- 25. Plaintiff was the owner of the luggage and the personal property, including the money (\$10,000.00) contained inside his luggage.
- 26. At all times relevant herein, Defendants were aware of the ownership rights of Plaintiff with regard to his luggage and the contents therein. Defendants were also aware of their limited authority to inspect Plaintiff's personal property.
- 27. Defendants intentionally withheld, dispossessed, stole and / or permanently removed Plaintiff's property without a lawful excuse and with full knowledge that the property (money) belonged to Plaintiff.
- 28. Plaintiff made the appropriate demand for the return of his property. Defendants have denied liability for Plaintiff's loss.

29. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' theft, Plaintiff is entitled to a money judgment for the personal property (money) not returned to him in an amount equal to the actual value of the property, to wit: \$10,000.00; consequential damages; punitive damages; interest and all costs and expenses of this action, including reasonable attorney fees.

Count Five - Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress

- 30. Plaintiff re-avers and re-alleges each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs, as if fully rewritten herein.
- 31. Defendants' business tactics and blatant lack of concern for its customers were extreme and outrageous as Defendants fraudulently justified retaining Plaintiff's property and undertook business policies that shield them from liability.
- 32. Defendant's self-serving and irresponsible business practices allowed them and / or their employees to profit from Plaintiff's loss.
- 33. Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer severe emotional damage as a direct result of the extreme, reckless and intentional acts of Defendants.
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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff hereby demands judgment in his favor and against Defendants; additionally Plaintiff seeks a judgment for compensatory damages, punitive damages,

consequential damages, interest, attorney fees and court costs in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Exhibits

- TSA & Frontier Airlines Inc. demand letters
- TSA response to Plaintiff's initial complaint
- Cleveland Police Report

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Baker, Esquire (#0084620)

Attorney for Plaintiff

5425 Detroit Road - Suite 10

Sheffield, Ohio 44054

Tel (440) 596 - 9876

Fax (440) 934 - 0712

Email <u>bakera5.tony@yahoo.com</u>

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE / SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS

CLERK, please serve a true copy of the forgoing Complaint, Exhibits, Summons and any / all other case-related documents upon Defendants by Certified US Mail to the afore-captioned addressed.

THE LAW OFFICE OF ANTHONY BAKER

5425 Detroit Road – 10 Sheffield, Ohio 44054 Tel 440.596.9876 Fax 440.934.0712

December 9, 2020

Regarding: George McCall's Claim - Demand Letter

Dear TSA:

I have been retained by George McCall to assist with this matter. Ideally, we can resolve our differences without involving the court.

Mr. McCall traveled from Cleveland to Las Vegas on Frontier Airlines on or about October 2, 2020. Mr. McCall makes several trips each year to Las Vegas, and has done this for the past 20 years.

Ten Thousand Dollars was stolen from his luggage. Upon discovering the theft of his money (in Las Vegas), Mr. McCall contacted Frontier Airlines and TSA. I have included a copy of the police report and a copy of my preliminary Complaint for your review.

Simply stated, Mr. McCall demands / requests the return of his money forthwith. Please contact my office with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully yours,

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security Claims Management Branch 601 S. 12th Street, TSA-9 Arlington, VA 20598-6009

November 23, 2020

George McCall 4519 Briarwood Drive Lorian OH 44052 United States



Re: TSA Control No.: 2020110969383

Dear George McCall:

This constitutes final administrative action on your claim against the United States under the Federal Tort Claims Act based upon the alleged negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of Transportation Security Administration (TSA) personnel.

Your claim is denied. After careful evaluation of all the evidence, we have determined that there are no legally sustainable grounds upon which a finding of liability can be based on the part of TSA.

If you are dissatisfied with the action taken on your claim, you may file suit in an appropriate U.S. District Court not later than six months after the date this letter was mailed. This information is not intended to imply that any such suit would be successful.

Should you have any questions, please address them to the Claims Management Branch. We may be reached at (571) 227-1300 or by email at TSAClaimsOffice@tsa.dhs.gov.

Yours sincerely,

Kimberly Davis Assistant Director

Management Services and Claims

Financial Management Division



Print Date/Time:

11/26/2020 11:58

Login ID:

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Case Number:

2020-00321675

ORI Number:

Cleveland Division of Police

OHCLP0000

Case Details:

Case Number:

2020-00321675

Location:

5300 RIVERSIDE DR

Cleveland, OH 44135

Incident Type:

Grand Theft

Occured From: Occured Thru:

10/02/2020 23:59 10/06/2020 06:00

Reported Date:

10/11/2020 14:58 Sunday

Reporting Officer ID:

1030-Rodriguez

Status:

Open/Active

Status Date:

10/12/2020

Assigned Bureau:

District 1

Case Assignments:

Assigned Officer

Assignment Date/Time

Assignment Type

Assigned By Officer

Due Date/Time

Associated Cases

<u>Status</u>

Assisting ORIs

Role

Modus Operandi

Solvability Factors

Weight

Total:

Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
1	State	23H	2913.02	Theft	1



Print Date/Time:

11/26/2020 11:58

Login ID:

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Case Number: 2020-00321675 Cleveland Division of Police

OHCLP0000

Offense #

Group/ORI: State Description:

NCIC Code:

Theft

2399

Open/Active

Arson Code: Gang Related:

Offense Status:

No # of Adults:

Property Damage Amt,:

Domestic Circumstance: **Accosting Situation:** Gambling Motivated:

Prior Inv - Offender:

Special Circumstances:

Crime Code: 23H

Domestic Code:

Aiding/Abetting:

Abandoned Structure:

Hate Bias Indicator:

Order of Protection:

Precipitating Event:

Anit-reproductive rights crime:

of Juveniles:

Carjacking:

Statute:

Scene Code:

Status Date:

2913,02

Transit Facility

No

Counts: 1

ORI Number:

Attempt/ Commit Code:

Committed 10/02/2020

Offense Date: Bias/Motivation:

No Bias / Not Applicable

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10/13/2020 Occupancy Code: Child Abuse:

> Sub-Code: IBR Seq. No:

Household Status:

Premise Code: Prior Inv - Victim: Cargo Theft:

Offender Suspected of Using

Alcohol: No Drugs: No Computer: No

Aggravated Assault/ Homicide Circumstances #1:

Aggravated Assault/

Homicide Remarks #1:

Justifiable Homicide Circumstances:

Method of Entry Type: Point of Entry: Method of Exit Type:

Point of Exit: Direction of Travel:

Counterfeit Type:

Victim Suspected of Using

Alcohol: No Drugs: No

Computer: No

Aggravated Assault/ Homicide Circumstances #2:

Aggravated Assault/ Homicide Remarks #2:

Justifiable Homicide Code

Larceny Type:

(H)All Other Larcenies

Method of Entry: # of Premises Entered:

Method of Exit: How Left Scene:

Counterfeit Status:

Counterfeit Amount:

Subjects

Туре	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
Reporting Person	1	Zahoor, Hassan	5300 RIVERSIDE DR	denter inches &	Unknown	Male	
Victim	1	McCall, George L	Cleveland,OH 44135 44519 BRIARWOOD DR Lorain,OH 44053	Marie on Physical	Black	Male	04/16/1969 51



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Login ID: Case Number: butlersh

2020-00321675

ORI Number:

Cleveland Division of Police

OHCLP0000

Subject #

1-Reporting Person

Primary:

Address:

No

Name:

Zahoor, Hassan

5300 RIVERSIDE DR

Race: Unknown Height:

Unknown

Sex:

Weight:

Hair:

Male

Build: Age:

Primary Phone: Resident Type:

Disposition:

Cleveland OH 44135 William Berling Unknown

23H

SSN: Resident Status: DVL#:

Unknown

State:

Verbal

Unknown

Date:

Eyes:

Statement Type:

Custody Status:

Related Offenses

Group/ORI State

Crime Code

Statute

2913.02

Description

Theft

Related Weapons

Victim/Offender Relationship

Missing Person Information

Transported By:

Domestic Violence:

Extent of Injury:

Domestic Violence Referrals:

Victim Type:

Eves:

Hospital:

Federal Agencies Involved:

Condition: Medical Treatment:

Subject #

1-Victim

Primary:

Yes

Lorain OH 44053

Name: Address;

McCall, George L 44519 BRIARWOOD DR

Race: Black Height: 6ft 5 in

Sex: Weight:

Individual

Male

280,0 lbs.

DOB:

04/16/1969

Build:

Primary Phone:

SSN:

Brown

Hair:

Brown

Age:

51 OH

Resident Type: Disposition:

Non Resident

Resident Status: Date:

Other Status

DVL#:

Statement Type:

State:

Verbal

Custody Status:

Related Offenses

Group/ORI State

Crime Code 23H

Statute 2913.02 Description

Theft

Related Weapons

Victim/Offender Relationship

Transported By: **Domestic Violence:** Extent of Injury:

Domestic Violence Referrals:

Hospital:

Federal Agencies Involved:

Condition:

Medical Treatment:

Missing Person Information

Arrests

Arrest No.

Name

Address

Date/Time

Type

Age



Print Date/Time:

11/26/2020 11:58

Login ID:

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Case Number:

2020-00321675

ORI Number:

Cleveland Division of Police

OHCLP0000

Property

Date 10/11/2020

Code Stolen Type

Make

Model

Description

Tag No. Item No.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OF U.S. CURRENCY

Seq#

Tag Number:

Item Number:

Cash / Currency

Property Codes: Stolen

Property Type: **UCR Value:**

Cash / Currency

Property Class: Initial Value:

Cash / Currency \$10,000.00

Date Received:

10/11/2020

Quantity:

Unit of Measure:

Measurement Source:

Stolen Location:

Airport/Seaport

Make:

Description: TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OF U.S. CURRENCY

Model:

Officer Remarks: Style:

Style Desc:

Year:

OAN:

Serial #:

Color:

Condition: Reg. State: Reg. Type: Reg. Year:

Reg. ORI: Reg. Date: Reg. Number: Reg. Expiration:

Recovery Information

Location: RFOJ?:

Date: ORI:

Code: Recovered Address: Value:

Associated Subjects

Type

Name

Address

Phone

Notified How

Date

Owner

McCall, George L

44519 BRIARWOOD DR

Insurance Company:

Lorain, OH 44053 **Policy Number:**

Lein Holder:

Vehicles

No. Role

Vehicle Type

Year

Make

Model

Color

License Plate

State

Routing:

☐ Detective Bureau

☐ Sex Crimes

Homicide

□ Prosecutor's Office

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Original Narrative

THEFT

Sir,

On Sunday, 10-11-20, at approximately 1326 hours, I received an assignment to respond to the Frontier ticket counter in connection with missing money. I responded, activated by WCS 2765, and met with the victim, George McCall.

Mr. McCall reports that on October 2, 2020, he traveled to Cleveland Hopkins Airport and checked in his hard shell suitcase, black in color which contained ten thousand dollars in U.S. currency. There were two stacks of five thousand dollars; all one hundred dollar bills which were inside the right side pocket of his blue jogging pants which was packed inside the suitcase with all his other belongings. The victim further stated that he traveled alone and arrived at his hotel (Bally's) in Las Vegas. Victim unpacked his suitcase and hung up his clothes the then looked in the pockets of his jogging pants and discovered his ten thousand dollars missing. The victim called Frontier Airlines an hour later and they informed him that he will have to file a claim when he returns to Cleveland. The victim proceeded to enjoy his stay in Las Vegas and he returned to Cleveland on Sunday, October 4, 2020. The victim stated that he got in touch with TSA's Donald Kemer about the missing money on October 5, 2020 and Mr. Kemer provided the victim with a link to download a claim form which he and his fiancé, Betty J. Quatlebaum, did and he completed and submitted it. On today's date, October 11, 2020, the victim traveled to Cleveland Hopkins Airport to complete a CPD "Theft" report and in addition, he spoke with a Frontier supervisor and Reporting Person, Hassan Zahoor, who assisted Mr. McCall in how to file a "pilferage claim" which is a claim form for checked baggage that is missing items. I informed Mr. McCall that it is undetermined where this money has gone missing. Victim showed me an email that was sent by TSA on October 7th tell him, in part, that TSA has looked through their camera system and found no evidence of wrongdoing in the handling of his bag and no evidence that anyone took any money from his bag. Victim flew to Las Vegas on Frontier Airlines flight number F92015 and he left Cleveland at 10:34 PM and arrived in Las Vegas at 11:59 PM. Victim returned to Cleveland on October 4, 2020 on flight number F92014 and arrived in Cleveland at 1:01 PM. No Suspects / No Arrests

Respectfully request First District Detective Bureau to follow up.

SDCO.DD

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10-13-20



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